Office of Faith and Community-Based Partnerships Interest Survey

Please use this form to consider ways your organization might partner with the Office of Faith and Community-Based Partnerships.

Understanding DOES/OFCBP

- ☐ Learn more about the services offered by DOES and the One-Stop Career Centers by going online to www.does.dc.gov or www.dcnetworks.org or by visiting a center near you
- ☐ Refer constituents to DOES' One-Stop Career Centers
- ☐ Schedule a visit of the Mobile One-Stop Career Center to your neighborhood
- ☐ List your job vacancies with DOES

One-Stop Career Centers

- ☐ Discuss the One-Stop Career Centers in appropriate casual conversations
- ☐ Recommend One-Stop Career Centers during appropriate meeting sessions
- ☐ Include articles about One-Stop Career Centers in organizational newsletters and publications
- ☐ Provide One-Stop Career Center information on bulletin boards
- ☐ Schedule a trip to the nearest One-Stop Career Center
- ☐ Schedule a training session on using the One-Stop Career Center
- ☐ Host a special career-planning seminar featuring a One-Stop Career Center staff member

Education & Access

- ☐ Provide Internet access
- ☐ Provide computer instruction
- ☐ Establish a mentoring network within your organization
- ☐ Request information about federal funding opportunities
- ☐ Arrange work experience opportunities
- ☐ Provide assistance in preparing resumes/cover letters
- ☐ Stage practice interviews
- ☐ Arrange educational tutoring

Contacts

Tell us about your organization.

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City		
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Return this form by fax or regular mail and we will contact you to discuss your interests.

Building

Priorities: FBOs and CBOs

Potential partners are invited to consider ways they might participate. Here are the urgent priorities that OFCBP has identified for faith and community-based



organizations to link with the resources provided by the Department of Employment Services.

- **1.** Commit resources in support of District workforce development initiatives (e.g., job training, literacy instruction, etc.).
- **2.** Provide job search instruction, utilizing the District's Internet job search and job placement system, "D.C. Networks Virtual One-Stop System."
- Encourage service users and congregation members to utilize the resources of the District's One-Stop Career Centers by visiting one, going online or using a One-Stop Career Center partner organization.
- **4.** Host informational sessions about One-Stop Career Center services.
- **5.** Encourage congregation members to mentor job seekers, to be a source of information about jobs and job placement or to be a volunteer in the District's One-Stop Career Centers.
- **6.** Provide transportation to and from the District's One-Stop Career Centers.
- **7.** Coordinate with OFCBP for scheduled visits by the Mobile One-Stop Career Center.
- **8.** Provide workforce development services to jobseekers who have multiple employment barriers or who may not be eligible for training assistance through the District's One-Stop Career Centers.
- **9.** Assist the D.C. Workforce Investment Council (WIC) in identifying the workforce development needs of the organization's constituency and advocate for the utilization of DOES' limited workforce development resources to meet those needs.



Improving the lives of District residents***

The Value of Partnerships

Faith and community-based organizations have long assisted the poor, destitute, hungry, homeless and unemployed. They are unsung heroes who have tirelessly transformed thousands of lives with their compassion.

But it is only recently that government has come to realize the value of partnering with faith and communitybased organizations in meeting the needs of those among us for whom the American dream of prosperity and economic independence still remains elusive.

Leading the way is the federal government. President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative provides funding, through various federal agencies, to underwrite state and local government partnerships with faith and community-based organizations.





The Government of the District of Columbia successfully competed for one of only 12 Faith-Based and Community Initiative grants available from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). The grant provided by USDOL has facilitated the establishment of an Office of Faith and Community-Based Partnerships (OFCBP) in the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES) to link faith and community-based organizations to the District's One-Stop Career Centers.

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Partnerships at Work

The Office of Faith and Community-Based Partnerships will link faith and community-based organizations (FBOs and CBOs) to the District's One-Stop Career Centers in a variety of ways which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ★ Increasing the number of FBOs and CBOs that are certified to provide workforce development training and support services to One-Stop Career Center customers;
- ★ Showcasing FBOs and CBOs that are committed and active One-Stop Career Center partners;
- ★ Extending One-Stop Career Center services (employment, training and supportive services) to the customers of FBOs and CBOs; and
- ★ Launching a Mobile One-Stop Career Center.



Driving Job Resources to Your Neighborhood!

- ★ Skills assessments
- ★ Career counseling
- ★ Resume preparation
- ★ Online job searches
- ★ And more

Priorities: Office of Faith and Community-Based Partnerships

- 1. Strengthen relationships between FBOs and CBOs and the District's One-Stop Career Centers.
- 2. Dispatch the Mobile One-Stop Career Center to the District's communities.
- 3. Dispatch the Mobile One-Stop Career Center to job sites to provide services to underemployed workers in need of skills upgrades.
- **4.** Dispatch the Mobile One-Stop Career Center to job sites where workers are about to be laid off.
- **5.** Host a series of focus groups to elicit information from faith and community-based organizations.
- **6.** Conduct informational sessions on public and private sector funding for FBOs and CBOs.
- 7. Establish a Faith-Based Advisory Council.
- **8.** Connect, when appropriate, jobseekers to faith and community-based organizations for services.





For Technical Assistance and Additional Information:

To learn more about faith and community-based initiatives (particularly in the area of workforce development) and how you can help in their implementation, please contact:

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Transforming Communities